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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/600,891

Applicant(s)

SPANGENBERG ET AL.

Examiner

Thu Thao Havan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Detailed Action

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 10, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 1-32 are pending. This action is in response to the RCE received April 10, 2006.

Response to Arguments

The rejections of claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Sellers et al (US 5,311,438) is maintained.

Applicant's arguments filed April 10, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the arguments concerning the previously rejected claims the following comments are made:

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A.) Applicant alleges that the prior art made of record fails to teach automatically receiving actual performance information from at least one vehicle sensor. The examiner disagrees with applicant's representative since Sellers teaches automatically receiving actual performance information from at least one vehicle sensor (col. 77, lines 13-23; col. 154, lines 44-56). In other words, Sellers maintains transportation information including various types of vehicles. As vehicle is defined in the specification of the pending application 10/600,891, Applicant states in paragraph 0024 that vehicle interface comprises a port for interfacing to a vehicle data bus, such as a J1708 data bus commonly used in vehicles today. Examples of ECUs include a fuel regulator/cutoff switch, an ignition controller, an electronic transmission controller, a steering wheel locking mechanism, and a brake activation unit. Other examples of ECUs include electronic devices which provide operational information about vehicle to processor. For example, these types of ECUs comprise a speed sensor, an RPM sensor, an odometer, or a location sensor such as a GPS receiver. Thus, Sellers teaches automatically receiving actual performance information from at least one vehicle sensor when he discloses transportation information including various types of vehicles. All vehicles have sensor such as a speed sensor, an RPM sensor, an odometer, or a location sensor such as a GPS receiver as defined in the specification.

B.) Applicant alleges that the prior art made of record fails to teach determining a financial ratio. The examiner disagrees with applicant's representative since Sellers teaches determining a financial ratio (col. 114, line 1 to col. 116, line 54; fig. 94). In other words, Sellers discloses financial analysis simulations. The simulation includes

the discount rate (i.e. financial ratio as claimed in the amended limitation) and economic life for the product, along with the estimated investments and cashflows over the product's lifetime. He also uses a screen to document the cost estimates and other assumptions used to estimate the period investments and operating cash flows.

With regards to the claims rejected as anticipated over Sellers, the examiner would like to point out that the references teach the claimed limitations and thus provides adequate support for the claimed limitations. Therefore, the examiner maintains that Sellers anticipated the claimed limitations.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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